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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference:

U.S. PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,815,678	Hoffman et al.	September 29, 1998
5,768,539	Metz, et al.	June 16, 1998
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:

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EPO	EP 0 944 257 A1	September 22, 1999
EPO	EP 0 854 645 A2	July 22, 1998
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Germany	DE 196 50 515 A1	June 25, 1998

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1. Evain, J., *"The Multimedia Home Platform"*, EBU Review - Technical, BE, European Broadcasting Union, Brussels, No. 275, March 21, 1998 (7 Pages).

2. Rath, K., et al., *"Set-Top Box Control Software: A Key Component in Digital Video"*, Philips Journal of Research, Amsterdam, Vol. 50, no. 1 / 02 July 1996 (15 Pages).

3. Wall, W.E., *"An Advanced Video Platform for the Cable Industry"*, Fourth International Workshop on Community Network Processing, Georgia, USA, September 11, 1997 (3 Pages).

4. Hartwig, S. "Softwarearchitekturen Für Interaktive Digitale Decoder", Fernseh Und Kinotechnik, Vol. 50. No. 3, Germany, March 1, 1996 (11 Pages).

The Hartwig article was identified as category A background information in a Search Report received in a related PCT application. The figures in Hartwig are labeled in English.

An English language Abstract is provided for German patent no. DE 196 50 515 A1.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject patent application, and therefore no fee is due.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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